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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

Your letter of Oct. 22 received and this is the first chance I've had to sit down for a reasonable amount of time to answer it.

I've checked with KCBS and they definitely want you to appear. There is a show run by Harve Morgan every night (it's called "Contact") and it's like Dolan's of KNEW. So anytime you will be in town they will definitely have you on. It could take no more than 24 hours to arrange it when you come in.

As far as Joe Dolan is concerned the same thing is true. The same day you arrive Joe could have you on. Of course, the best way is to line up these shows well in advance. So count on both KCBS and KNEW. As for the other radio and TV-stations I am certain they would be interested. The only reason I haven't checked into them is the time factor -- I just haven't had the chance to sit down and call all of them up. The main reason for this is that I wanted to wait until I could find a good time slot for you to appear.

The time that would be best for you to appear would be on or around December 9. The reason I selected this date is that a group is putting on a forum on December 9 (Fri. nite) on the Kennedy assassination and they are trying to get a speaker from Ramparts to speak on their November issue. They asked me to have you appear on that date also. I told them I was reasonably sure that you would be here then. The forum would be held by the Militant Labor Forum. (In New York they also conduct weekly forums). They wanted to have you speak before other engagements and I said this would be possible depending upon when you were able to come into town.

As far as plane fare the money will come out of the "Citizens Committee of Inquiry" we have here in the bay area. Of course, I will also see that you have a place to stay while you are here. Perhaps the best way to arrange this would be to have you come in on Wednesday, Dec. 7 and stay for a week or until such time as different talks could be arranged. I'll assume that you agree with this arrangement for now and after I send this letter off I'll start lining up talks for you on campuses, radio, TV, etc. Also I think a press conference should be held on Dec. 7 or 8 after you arrive.

So assume that this is the time schedule. If you have any change in plans and cannot meet these dates please let me know at once.

I'm enclosing copies of articles on Liebeler as you requested. It appears that one of his predictions (the "hunch") about the X-rays and photos was partially correct in lieu of the Kennedy family's announcement yesterday. The S.F. Examiner story yesterday said, however, that the family "imposed strict conditions including a permanent ban on publication or display of the gruesome photo". So we're right back where we started from.

There's some night y funny going ons with respect to Liebeler at al. Harve Morgan of KCBS told me that some members of the commission have indicated a desire to "participate" in a "symposium" at some major University where all the critics and investigators could be assembled together. I asked Morgan who was interested in participating and he mentioned Specter, Liebeler, Griffin among others.

I told Morgan that this was like inviting a couple of horse stealers to your farm and letting them look at your chickens. When Morgan and I were discussing this Penn Jones, Richard Stark (who helped Lane on his film), and Bill Turner of Ramparts were present. So the suggestion of a "symposium" wasn't being offered lightly. Morgan said these men were interested in the idea.

Jones was in town for a few days and had a busy schedule of radio and tv appearances. I also invited him to appear at my weekly class at the S.F. State College (Experimental College) on the assassination. The first meeting was last night and about 39 people showed up. I'm enclosing a copy of the College newspaper on the course.

Dave Lifton has been attending Liebeler's class at UCLA. He told me that Ray Marcus had accused him now of "selling out". Lifton's position now is that the Secret Service lied to the Commission and that though Oswald is innocent and was framed the investigation wasn't a deliberate whitewash but rather one in which the members exhibited qualities of "bungling" or "stupidity". There was no collusive suppression of evidence Dave seems to be saying. I don't see how he can take this position but he is. Do you know anything of this?

Dave said Liebeler will probably be the first member of the Commission "to jump ship". He also told me about Liebeler sending Rankin a letter about the 4 missing frames of Zapruder's film. Redlich answered instead and said there was "nothing in it". I don't know ~~any~~ anything more about this but Liebeler should be called to account for it. Dave told me, though, that since this was a private discussion between him and Liebeler it was not wise to bring the letters out into the open since Liebeler's confidence would be violated. If you write Lifton on this just ask him what Liebeler's position is on the missing frames.

When Jones was on KOBS a few days ago with Bill Turner Burt Griffin was listening in and the three tangled together. Let me tell you some of the interesting things that turned up out of this repartee. Jones brought up the Jarnagin incident and Turner brought up the Litchfield testimony (see Vol. 14, p. 107). Griffin said Jarnagin's testimony was rejected because of a "background check". As far as Litchfield Griffin said Hubert had taken his testimony but that his testimony was rejected on the grounds that his "general demeanor and general approach" weren't satisfactory. He also said that witnesses interviewed who were with Litchfield did not corroborate him and besides Litchfield had an "extensive criminal record". Then Turner wanted to know if the other witnesses were interviewed by the Commission and who they were. Griffin said one was a photographer and Turner kept talking about another man present - Alex Gruber. It went around and around like this and the thing was that no one had a copy of the volumes present or we could've referred to them so no one was sure as to whether someone was or was not in the volume. Jones then asked Griffin why Jarnagin hadn't been called to testify. Griffin said 552 witnesses were called and if we had to call everyone "the taxpayers have to pay the bill". Jones answered: "Good - let a thousand witnesses testify if necessary until we crack this case wide open." What Jones was referring to is the fact that in Jarnagin's deposition he mentioned that he had called the police on Oct. 5, 1963 (that is, before the assassination) about the alleged conversation between Ruby and Oswald. Griffin lamely replied: "Well, the police had no record of this".

Harve Morgan about this time then mentioned a conversation he

had with a member of the Warren Commission about whether a new investigation would be started about the whole subject of the assassination and that the Commission member replied: "Not in a million years - it'll never happen!" I asked Morgan after the show who it was that made the statement and he said he was not at liberty to tell.

Incidentally, Morgan will have Jenner and Ball in person on his "Contact" show Monday night. I am going to ask him to reach you and see if he can have a question from you --do you think this would be worthwhile? The producer of the show have asked us to help out in letting us have volumes on hand and both Paul Hoch and I may be at the studio to facilitate them.

I'll try to get a tape made of the show or keep notes and send you anything of value.

You might be interested in knowing that an ad in the Barb has this notice: "HO KILLED KENNEDY" POSTER, P.O. Box 309, Venice, Cal. 90291.

The reason I asked you about Korth is that he figures in the Oswald case to some extent. Fred Korth handled Marguerite's divorce case and thus, knew of Oswald beforehand. Also he got the letter from Oswald about the reinstatement of his discharge from the marines. Korth was forced to resign from the Kennedy Administration a month before Kennedy was assassinated and there appears to have been some bitterness between the both of them. But the most important of all is the fact that he was one of several people who helped arrange Kennedy's Dallas trip! (Check this out in Volume 7, page 475).

Well, this is about all for now. I must get back to some other matters. Don't forget to let me know about your upcoming trip here.

Best,

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P.S. - Paul Hoch is not working for Popkin, even though his name appears as a footnote in his book. Popkin just came across Hoch's archive document through friends, I presume. Paul sends you his regards.

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